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## BIG MINERS' STRIKE CALLED

Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas Mines Will Close.

## IN EFFECT WEDNESDAY

No Trouble About Wages, But Local Disagreements in Arkansas Are Reasons Given-Lexington Interested.

As was expected the big strike of coal miners to begin Wednesday, April 1, throughout Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and that part of Texas where the miners are organized was called Thursday afternoon by Presidents Howat, Colville and Mass of the affected districts. The order followed immediately on the serving of a letter by the Southwestern Coal Operators' association on the several miners' presidents. The contract between the operators and the unions will expire next Tuesday. The miners proposed that they continue to work on the old schedule while fixing a new one. The operators answered that they would not negotiate a new contract until all the miners involved would live up to the existing contracts.

The trouble is in four Arkansas miners, where the operators say the miners have struck in violation of an agreement.

One of the main causes however, of the operators' stand is said to be the slight demand for coal. The railroads now have on hand a supply sufficient to last through the summer and many customers are buying oil or using natural gas. A shut down of two months would be profitable to the mine owners.

Between 15,000 and 35,000 men will be thrown out of work by the strike and will probably be idle for two months or longer. Lexington will feel this very much.

There are 900 members of the local union who work in the mines near Lexington. With these men out of employment, business is liable to be injured considerably.

### Shelby-Hicklin.

R. W. Shelby of Chickasha, Okla. and Miss Maude Hicklin of near this city were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage, Thursday afternoon at four o'clock. Dr. C. E. Pattillo performing the ceremony. The marriage of this young couple came as a great surprise as it was not generally known that they were contemplating this step.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Young Hicklin, and has a host of friends in and near this city. She is a very charming young lady and is a member of one of the most prominent families in this county. The groom is the only son of R. W. Shelby, of Chickasha, Okla. and was formerly a student of Wentworth Military academy. Mr. Shelby was one of the most popular boys at the academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby left on the 5:45 train for Kansas City for a several days' stay.

### As Busy As Ever.

When Judge W. G. McCausland was put out of business by the fire, some people thought that he would retire; but those better acquainted with him knew that he would soon be back in business. And he was. Although he is nearly four score years of age he attends to the management of his store with an energy and enthusiasm that would be a credit to a man of 30.

Last Monday he opened with a new stock in the Krichs building on Franklin avenue and every day throngs of ladies have besieged his establishment. Nearly every afternoon it has been necessary to lock the doors, so great has been the rush.

Elsewhere in this issue is the announcement of George H. O'Dell as a candidate for councilman in the First ward. Mr. O'Dell is a popular gentleman and one who, if elected, will serve his constituents well. He says he stands for progress and will work in every way for the good of the city.

Dr. George Williams of Odessa was here Wednesday.

## MAYVIEW NOTES.

Bronson Shull spent last Saturday here with friends.

Miss Bessie Chian was in Higginsville shopping last Monday.

Dr. Ed Bear of St. Louis is here on a visit with relatives and friends.

Rev. Nickell is visiting with his son, Dr. C. A. Nickell, this week.

Wm. Harwood of Dover visited with his brother, Carl, here last Friday.

Col. W. B. Buford of Warrensburg was here last Thursday on business.

Walter Chiles of Higginsville had business in our town last Wednesday.

Miss Florence Young of the Prairie neighborhood shopped in our town last Monday.

Mrs. Laura Graves of Independence spent the first part of this week here with friends.

Mrs. John Parrent of Higginsville enjoyed the day last Sunday with relatives and friends.

Geo. B. Green has been quite sick this week. He was reported not so well Wednesday.

The wheat crop looks fine around Mayview and it is thought there will be a splendid harvest.

Mrs. Sam Winn went to Kansas City last Monday for a several days' visit with relatives.

Mrs. Charles Anderson of Independence came down last Tuesday to visit her son, Robert.

Mrs. Mollie Logsdon of Marshall was the guest of the family of S. N. Greene last Wednesday.

Mrs. Dr. Ryland and Mrs. O. O. Willson were visiting friends and relatives here last Saturday.

F. L. Weaver and wife of Independence came down last Friday and went out to Dyer Sherwood's.

Miss Alma Kincheloe spent several days in Higginsville the latter part of last week with relatives.

Geo. Bledsoe and family of Oak Grove spent last Sunday with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tiefel.

Mrs. Mary Neiman came up from Higginsville last Sunday and was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Buehler.

Mrs. James W. Waterhouse of Odessa is here on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bullard.

Those interested in tree and fruit culture say the prospect was never better for a full crop of all kinds of fruit.

Miss Viola Puckett came down from Kansas City last Sunday and spent the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Puckett.

Elder Henshaw, pastor of the Christian church in Dover, made a splendid defence in favor of local option here last Friday night.

Rev. Talbot of Mansfield, Ill. will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday, March 29th, morning and evening. All invited to attend.

Mrs. Wm. Weaver and two sons, George and Lucien, of Independence came down last Friday for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Green.

Bert Taubman and Thos. Vivion went to Kansas City last Thursday. Mr. Vivion will have a growth cut from his right eye. The operation will be performed at the hospital. We hope it will be a success.

T. M. Chinn is a believer in fruit trees. He has now two large orchards and he wants more. So he is setting out 1,000 more trees this season. He says as long as a tree will bloom he has hopes of a harvest.

Wm. Adam of Oklahoma came in last Saturday and went out to his brother, Price Adam. He is in feeble health caused by being kicked by a horse some few months ago. He stopped at Kansas City and went to the hospital for an examination. The surgeons could not come to any definite conclusions what was best to do. So he will have to wait for further developments.

Miss Nan Austin went to Higginsville Thursday evening for a visit of several days with friends.

Mr. J. B. Silver came down from Kansas City Wednesday evening to visit relatives for a few days.

Mrs. T. T. Thornton of Denver, Col. arrived Thursday for a visit with the family of Mrs. J. C. Coon.

Mrs. William Hoge and little son, Kenneth, and Mrs. A. E. Rogers spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. William Vandel returned to their home in Kansas City Wednesday evening after a short visit with the family of Mrs. Fannie Weber in this city.

## To The Delinquent:

The time has come when the present arrangement must cease. By the decree of the powers that be in Washington, D. C., you must pay your subscription or else we shall be deprived of the pleasure of giving you two cents' worth of printed information each week. In response to our notices most of the subscribers have paid up, but some have not. Some delinquents will square themselves during the coming week; others will not. Some of those in arrears are as good as gold; others are as good as gone.

Next week the mailing list will be absolutely clean. Everybody on it will have paid his subscription. We shall miss a few old familiar names and be sorry about it; but we shall be glad to realize that hereafter we shall get all that's coming to us in subscription money.

If you let your name be among those dropped, please don't consider that relations between us are closed. We are going to make every effort to collect what is due us. The most satisfactory thing to do, however, would be for you to pay up now. It would lighten your conscience and our anxiety. If you do this we shall be very much pleased. If you do not, good bye.

## THE INTELLIGENCER.

## ELKS TO PLAY BALL

Stronger Team Than Last Year's Will Represent Local Lodge.

The ball playing bunch of Elks met at the club rooms Tuesday night and organized for the season. Ben Gratz was chosen as the manager for the team to attend to the arranging for games and purchase of supplies. August Brockman was picked for the position of captain during the games in which he will play. In his absence Dr. T. B. Ramsey will direct the players.

The chances for a winning team are much brighter than they were last year. Among the old guard there will be seen Ardinger, Chas. and Herbert Klinead, Ramsey, Campbell, King, Brockman, Meyer, Patterson, Bradley and possibly Vivion. In addition to these Joe Tunstall and Lay Gratz, two Elks proficient with the horse hide, will be in town during the coming season.

From such an aggregation it should be easy to pick nine men who can play winning ball. Brockman, of course, will do the pitching in the most important games and Cy Campbell, Herbert Klinead and Joe Tunstall will divide responsibility in the minor contests.

Manager Gratz has already opened negotiations with the Richmond lodge for a series of five games and an effort will be made to secure several matches with the Wentworth team.

### Henderson Combs Dead.

According to a telegram received by Judge Wm. Young, Henderson Combs died at 9:15 a. m. Wednesday in a St. Louis hospital. Mr. Combs was a large, powerful and healthy man, but a few days ago suffered from an attack of appendicitis and an operation was performed.

The deceased was a nephew of Judge Wm. Young of this city and is widely related throughout Lafayette county. The body was bought here for burial Thursday morning. Services were held yesterday.

### Union Elects Delegates.

The Local Union No. 111, United Mine Workers of America, Wednesday elected six delegates to attend the inter-state convention to be held in Kansas City March 30th. The election was hurriedly called and only a little over half the members of the union voted.

The delegates elected were: Thos. Fletcher, O. J. Mullins, James C. Stapleton, James M. Goodman, Mike Gavin and Joe Talbot.

### Pinochle Club.

Miss Katie Taegthuehring entertained the pinochle club Tuesday evening at her home on Franklin avenue. Delicious refreshments were served in elegant style. There were twenty-two guests present and everyone had a most delightful time.

## MISS MCCLELLAND DEAD

Was Formerly a Teacher in the Lexington Schools.

Miss Mary McClelland died Thursday afternoon at 4:30 at her boarding house in Kansas City. Death was due to complication of diseases effecting the heart. She was taken ill Sunday and it was not known until a short time before death that there was any immediate danger. Several relatives were notified in time for them to reach the bedside of the patient while she was still living.

Miss McClelland was a member of one of Missouri's oldest and best families, being a daughter of the late Col. M. V. L. McClelland. She was born in St. Louis on February 14, 1867 and shortly afterwards came to Lafayette county.

For a number of years she has taught school in Wellington, Lexington and Kansas City. Her lovely character and disposition made her ideally fitted to her work. She has been a great influence for good in the lives of many boys and girls. Her record here was excellent and she bore the reputation of being one of the best teachers in the Lexington schools.

She is survived by one brother, James McClelland of St. Louis, and two sisters, Mrs. Talbot Simpson of Annyville and Mrs. I. G. Neale of Lexington. One brother, Mansfield McClelland, died several years ago.

### Mad Dog Killed.

The first mad dog of the season was killed Wednesday afternoon about 6:30 in the yard of E. G. Loomis. The dog's action attracted the attention of several negroes, who were near by, and one of them felled the animal with a rock, finishing the job with a club. Dr. Owens examined the dog and said it was a case of rabies. Luckily Mr. Loomis and his dog were away from home at the time.

### Leap Year Dance.

About twenty-five ladies of the youngsters at Thursday evening entertained at a leap year dance in the hall of the Elks home. The hall had been elegantly decorated and the lights dimmed with red coverings. It was an extremely enjoyable function throughout. The Evans-Mountain orchestra furnished the music.

Mrs. Mollie Zeiler arrived from Kansas City Thursday evening for a visit with relatives.

Marriage licenses have been issued since Saturday to:

Bony Gray.....Lexington.  
Eliza Butler.....Dover.  
Miles Sprague.....Hodge.  
Deanie M. Butler.....Hodge.  
Charles Thornton.....Odessa.  
Eliza Robinette.....Odessa.  
Marvin Eagan.....Bates City.  
Jennie Oushard.....Odessa.

## Local Option Speaking.

Wallace Chapel, March 27, Rev. J. E. Henshaw.

Webb Schoolhouse, March 30, Rev. J. E. Henshaw.

Page City, March 31, Rev. J. E. Henshaw.

Brick Schoolhouse, April 1, Rev. Henshaw.

Slusher School, April 2, Rev. Henshaw.

Greenton, April 3, Rev. Henshaw.

Dover, March 30, Father Cumming.

Confederate Home, March 31, 2 p. m. Father Cummins.

Corder, March, 31, night Father Cummins.

Page City, March 28, Rev. J. M. Crutcher.

Mt. Hebron, March 29, 11 a. m. Rev. Crutcher.

Odessa, March 29, 3 p. m., Rev. Crutcher.

Alma, March 30, night, Rev. Crutcher.

Waterloo, March 32, night, Rev. Crutcher.

Wellington, April 2, Rev. Crutcher.

Odessa, opera house, April 3, Rev. Crutcher.

Napoleon, March 30, Rev. J. H. Koehler.

Wellington, March 31, Rev. J. H. Koehler.

Hitt School April 2, Rev. J. H. Koehler.

Waverly, April 3, Rev. Koehler.

Mt. Tabor, March 31, Don Carlos Jones.

Marvin Chapel, April 3, Don Carlos Jones.

Dads School, March 30, Rev. J. D. Biggs.

Concord School, April 2, Rev. J. D. Biggs.

Barker School March 30, Rev. Wm. Snyder.

Saylor School, March 31, Rev. Wm. Snyder.

Thorpe or Benton School, April 2, Rev. Wm. Snyder.

Greenton, March 30 Rev. Joe Powell.

Foster School, April 2, Rev. Joe Powell.

Peacock School, March 30, Hon. G. R. Chamberlain.

Dillingham School, March, 30, Rev. George W. Petty.

Elm Grove, March, 30, Rev. L. Hiers.

Mock School, March 31, Rev. Hiers.

Emison School, April 2, Hon G. R. Chamberlain.

Marshall School, March, 30, Rev. R. B. Briney.

Garr School, March, 31, Rev. R. B. Briney.

Dover, April 3, George R. Chamberlain and J. E. Henshaw.

Committeemen will note dates of appointments and arrange accordingly.

### JAMES N. CRUTCHER,

Lafayette County Local Option

League.

### Whist Party.

Misses Norma and Nadine Steele charmingly entertained the card club at their home on Main street Saturday evening. The young men were all from the academy.

Whist was the game played. Miss Mary Hoge received the ladies prize—a Lexington souvenir spoon—and Milton Welsh the gentlemen's prize—a picture.

The supper was elegant, consisting of oyster cocktail, a meat course, salad, ices, coffee and mints.

The guests from out of town were Miss Martha Lemmon of St. Louis and Mrs. W. C. Barnhardt of Amarillo, Texas.

### Entertained at Mrs. Meng's.

The G. G. O's, a girls' club, delightfully entertained the Teddy Bears at the home of Mrs. Elmira Meng on Main Street Friday evening. The colors of the club, green and white, were carried out in the refreshments, which consisted of brick cream, cake and mints. The features of the evening were the slang and poetry writing contests. Miss Lee Meng, who had charge of the entertainment, was assisted by Misses Gladys and Winifred Winn. Twenty guests were present.

### Boats to Run at Night.

Hale and Loomis state that they have received information that an application, made by the boat line company recently, for the installation of lights along the Missouri river, has been granted and the work will commence as soon as possible. This will make night running possible. The snag boat, Missouri, formerly the Suter, will be at Lexington some time next month. The Lexington agents have begun soliciting stock for a new boat.

## HINTS ON ROAD WORK

U. S. Office of Public Roads Tells How to Make and a Model Earth Road.

## GIVES GOOD SUGGESTIONS

The Plow, the Drag, Scraper, the Road Grader, and the Split Log Drag are Friends of the Road Overseer.

While American road builders are as capable of constructing good roads as those of any country of the old world, they have not been as joyfully supported as the men of those countries in maintaining the highways after completion, and the deplorable state of many hundred thousand miles of road is thus accounted for. County and township officials may at the outset stand the expense of having a road built, but they strenuously object when asked to provide funds to rebuild the road that has been allowed to go to ruin.

It is important that farmers learn of the benefits to be derived from good earth roads; that county boards be impressed with the need of a proper maintenance of the same, and that road builders and overseers learn how best to care for the roads in their charge.

The persistent and powerful enemies of earth roads are water and narrow tires, and the constant effort of those in charge of the roads should be to guard against their destructive effects and remedy all damage as quickly as possible. The simple instruments which have been found to be of greatest assistance to this work are the plow, the drag scraper, the wheel scraper, the road grader, and the split-log drag.

With a sandy soil and a subsoil of clay, or clay and gravel, deep plowing so as to raise and mix the clay with the surface soil and sand will prove beneficial. The combination forms a sand-clay road at a trifling expense. On the other hand, if the road be entirely of sand a mistake will be made if it is plowed unless clay can be added. Such plowing would merely deepen the sand, and at the same time break up the small amount of hard surface material which may have formed. If the subsoil is clay and at the surface scant in sand or gravel, plowing should not be resorted to, as it would result in a clay surface rather than one of sand gravel. A road foreman must know not only what to plow, but how and when to plow. If the road is of the kind which according to the above instructions should be plowed over its whole width, the best method is to run the first furrow in the middle of the road and work out to the sides, thus forming a crown. Results from such plowing are greatest in the spring or early summer.

In ditches a plow can be used to good advantage, but should be followed by a scraper or grader. To make wide, deep ditches nothing better than the ordinary drag scraper has yet been devised. For hauls under 100 feet, or in making "fills" it is especially serviceable. It is a mistake, however, to attempt to handle long haul material with this scraper, as the wheel scraper is better adapted to such work. For hauls of more than 800 feet, a wagon should be used.

The machine most generally used in road work is the grader or road machine. This machine is especially useful in smoothing and crowning the road and in opening ditches. A clay subsoil under a thin coating of soil should not be disturbed with a grader. It is also a mistake to use a grader indiscriminately and to pull material from ditches upon a sand-clay road. Not infrequently turf, soil and silt from ditch bottoms are piled in the middle of the road in a ridge, making mudholes a certainty. The split log drag should be used to fill in ruts and smooth the road when not too badly washed. The drag possesses great merit and is so simple in construction and operation that every farmer should have one.

Mrs. W. C. Barnhart and little daughter of Amarillo, Texas, who have been spending a few days with relatives and friends in this city went to Kansas City Wednesday for a short stay.